

Executive Order  
Office of the Mayor  
City of Atlanta

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2003- 02**

**BY THE MAYOR**

**DIRECTING THAT THE BUREAU OF BUILDINGS ACCEPT NO APPLICATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BILLBOARD PERMITS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE CITY COUNCIL HAS TAKEN FINAL ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF BILLBOARDS.**

**WHEREAS**, an ordinance proposing a moratorium on the acceptance of applications for permits for all general advertising signs and other signs exceeding 200 square feet in size was introduced before the City Council at its meeting on March 17, 2003 ; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council cannot take final action on this moratorium until its meeting of April 21, 2003 due to its annual recess; and

**WHEREAS**, during the period between the introduction of the ordinance and prior to the time that final action of the City Council can be taken, there exists the strong possibility that numerous applications would be filed with the Bureau of Buildings that would circumvent the purposes of the moratorium; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Buildings would have to consider those applications under the current regulations imposed by the City of Atlanta Sign Ordinance unless an executive order is issued which directs the Bureau of Buildings that no such applications can be accepted between the first action of the City Council on the moratorium ordinance and the final action of the City Council on said ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-182 of the Code of the City of Atlanta, the Mayor may issue executive orders which apply to events of short duration and which expire at the next meeting of City Council subsequent thereof unless ratified by a majority vote of the members present and voting; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need, substantially related to the public health, safety and welfare, that the ordinance proposing a moratorium on the acceptance of applications for permits for all general advertising signs and other signs exceeding 200 square feet in size be supplemented by an executive order, until such time as the City Council has the opportunity to take final action on said ordinance, so that the purpose of the moratorium is not circumvented; and

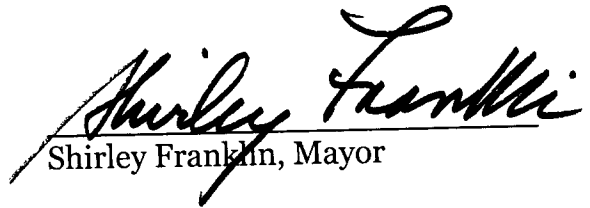
**WHEREAS**, this executive order will be for a brief and specific period of time which shall be from March 17, 2003 until no later than April 21, 2003.

**I, SHIRLEY FRANKLIN, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, NOW  
HEREBY AUTHORIZE, ORDER AND DIRECT AS FOLLOWS:**

As of March 17, 2003, the Director of the Bureau of Buildings is hereby authorized, ordered and directed to refuse to accept for review or consideration any applications for all general advertising signs and other signs exceeding 200 square feet in size.

This order shall remain in effect until such time as the City Council meets to take final action on the moratorium ordinance and adopts or adversely said ordinance provided however that the final action of City Council must take place on or before April 21, 2003.

This 17th day of March, 2003

  
Shirley Franklin, Mayor

ATTESTED:

  
Municipal Clerk